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**Sent:** Fri 3/20/2015 9:02:58 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Ryan James Navajo GIS contact

Linda,

Wow, this is great information. Thank you and Ryan for looking into as well as getting an understanding of the geographical information and layers we've been using.

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**To:** Nattis, Randy  
**Cc:** Ryan James  
**Subject:** RE: Ryan James Navajo GIS contact

Hi Randy,

I had a nice conversation with Ryan James of Navajo GIS today about other Eastern jurisdictional issues. He shared some very interesting information with me.

- There are no official chapter boundaries.
- Atlas boundaries are grazing boundaries and are not official boundaries.

- Official boundaries are in the file I sent you. These are U.S. Census boundaries formally adopted by the Navajo Nation. Ryan calls these community boundaries.
- The Navajo reservation does not extend into New Mexico. Instead, the Navajo area in New Mexico is called “Indian Country” due to extensive checker boarding.

Ryan is in the midst of an exhaustive project to determine land status on the Navajo Nation. James Ration at BIA often calls Ryan to confirm land status. BTW, Ryan confirmed that Haystack No. 1 in Section 19 is private land.

Ryan, please correct me if I’ve misstated something. Thanks for taking the time this afternoon to explain all this to me!

Linda

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**From:** Reeves, Linda  
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**To:** Nattis, Randy  
**Subject:** Ryan James Navajo GIS contact

Hi Randy,

Here’s Ryan’s contact info so you can learn about the chapter boundary maps we should be using.

Linda

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